

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of protecting application program software includes steps of (a) actuating a tracer function to copy $2^{1 \text{ to } n}$ instructions from the API code; (b) storing and executing the instructions; and (c) returning to the next instruction ($2^{(1 \text{ to } n) + 1}$) of the API code, where $2^{1 \text{ to } n}$ represents the number of instructions and n is the maximum number of instructions describing the API code.